

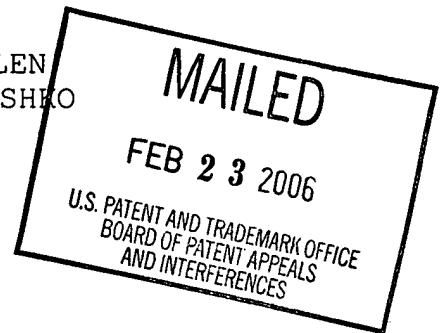
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UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS
AND INTERFERENCES

Ex parte: BART ALAN MELTZER, TERRY ALLEN
MATTHEW DANIEL FUCHS, ROBERT JOHN GLUSHKO
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Application No. 09/173,858



ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL TO EXAMINER

This application was received at the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on January 27, 2006. A review of the application has revealed that the application is not ready for docketing as an appeal. Accordingly, the application is herewith being returned to the Examiner. The matters requiring attention prior to docketing are identified below.

REPLY BRIEF

A Reply Brief in response to the Supplemental Examiner's Answer dated September 22, 2005, was filed on November 25, 2005. There is no indication on the record, that the Reply Brief was considered and/or no acknowledgment of receipt mailed. A written communication notifying appellant of the Examiner's receipt and consideration of the Reply Brief is required.

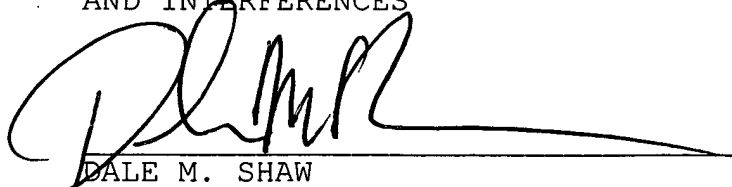
Accordingly, it is

Ordered that the application is returned to the Examiner for

- 1) acknowledgment of the Reply Brief;
- 2) appropriate consideration of the Reply Brief; and
- 3) for any further action as may be appropriate.

It is important that the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences be informed promptly of any action affecting the appeal (i.e., abandonment, issue, reopening prosecution).

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